Churches

In 1860 there two churches in the county according to the census: the Methodist and the Presbyterian. In 1873 there was in Astoria the First Congregational, Episcopal, (building), and Catholic (building) according to the Oregon Business Directory.

1. Methodist 1st here in 1834 with Jason Lee
Then 1840 with Rev. Frost, then Rev. Parrish. They left.
C.O. Hosford, a Methodist minister was listed in Astoria on the 1850 federal census. In 1853 James Welch donated land for a Methodist-Episcopal Church in Astoria. It started 1854. Became Methodist. In 1860 the Methodist Church was supposed to be able to accommodate 200 people.

2. Episcopal Church
Brief stop here on Nov. 8, 1838
1864 They met in the old Methodist Church. (Records on microfilm at LDS Church date to 1878)
Holy Innocents in Uppertown in 1874
St. Thomas by the Sea in Warrenton, date?

3. Presbyterian Church
Clatsop Plains in 1846 (Lewis Thompson was minister--appears on 1850 census as minister)
The 1860 census shows that the Presbyterian church could accommodate 200 people.
Astoria in 1877
Upper Astoria in 1877
Alderbrook later

4. Baptist
Rev. Ezra Fisher came ion 1846 to Astoria and 1847 to Clatsop Plains
1st baptism in 1878

5. Catholics
Stopped in 1851. Earlier at Chinook area in Washington known as Stellamaris Mission. See Catholic records published by the St. Paul Mission Historical Society, 4225 Mission Ave. N.E., P.O. Box 158, St. Paul, OR 97137-0158.
Services began in 1867 visiting priest, Built church in 1874

6. Norwegian Danish Methodist in 1882

7. Congregational Church 1866. They ended up joining the Presbyterian Church.

8. Baptist Church 1878

9. Christian Church 1919.

10. Lutheran Church Norwegian Lutherans 1877, Swedish Lutherans 1881, Finnish Lutherans 1883

11. Apostolic Lutheran (Finns) 1885, Evelyn Kujala has the records.

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12. Bethany Lutheran Church 1890

13. Mission Congregational Church

Following is from the November 17, 1877 newspaper:

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.-- Services at 11 A.M., and 7 P.M. Sunday school after morning services. Seats free, and cordial invitation is extended to all.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.--Organized May 5th, 1877. Supply expected from the Board of Domestic Missions. Sunday school every Sunday at one o'clock P.M., at upper Astoria school house.

GRACE (EPISCOPAL) CHURCH.--Rev. T.A. Hyland, Rector. Services at 11 A.M., and 7 P.M. Sunday school at 9 o'clock A.M.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS .--Services (upper Astoria) alternate Sundays at 3 o'clock P.M., by the Rev. T.A. Hyland. Sunday school every Sunday at 9 o'clock A.M.

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH .--Rev. Father Macken Pastor. Services at 11 o'clock A.M. Sunday school at 3 o'clock P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. Rev. J. G. Burchett, Pastor. Preaching at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. In the new church on Astor [Exchange now]. Sunday School immediately after morning services. All are invited.

METHODIST SERVICES.-- Rev. F. Elliot, Methodist minister, will preach in the Congregational Church.

PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM.--Children's Lyceum held at Liberty hall at 2 o'clock p.m., under the auspices of the Society of Friends of Progress. A.A. Cleaveland, conductor. Services at 7 ½ p.m.

BAPTIST

The frame is up for the Baptist Church edifice on Astor Street [Exchange now]. The site selected is a good one and the building will be one of the best in our city. July 28, 1877

NEW CHURCH. --Our Baptist friends will have much to feel grateful for when they get into their new church edifice in about three weeks. It will be a fine little building for a beginning in Astoria. August 26, 1877.

CATHOLIC

NEW CHURCH.--Work on the new Catholic Church to be erected in this city commenced yesterday. The foundation is to be laid by Mr. A.H. Sale assisted by Mr. Logan. We have not been able to learn who has contracted for the wood work. July 15, 1873

The new Catholic Church is rapidly nearing completion. Prof. Hopkinson will finish plastering next week, and it is really a fine piece of work. This little church, taken throughout, is very credible to the city, to the mechanics employed in its construction and especially to those who have managed the fairs and other means of procuring aid for its construction. July 9, 1874

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Date built before 1873

At a recent meeting of the Congregational church a resolution was unanimously adopted by which the use of their house of worship was offered to the Presbyterians for the second and forth Sabbaths of each month, for a period of six months. By order of the session of the Presbyterian church, this invitation has been accepted , so that the services which were begun two weeks ago, in the courthouse will hereafter be conducted by the Presbyterians in the Congregational church on the above mentioned Sabbaths. They extend a cordial invitation to the public to be present and worship with them. Rev. E.N. Condit. Pastor in charge, will preach this (Sunday) morning and evening. December 29, 1877

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1864 in Astoria

--Grace Church is now as neat as any little chapel on the coast. No person who has contributed to the construction of the new pews, so handsomely put in by Bain and Gist, would hesitate to double the subscription now, rather than not have the improvements that have been made. April 30, 1874

--The first service in the Episcopal Chapel of Holy Innocents, Adair's Astoria, will be held next Sunday. Rev. T.A. Hyland officiating. July 9, 1874

GRACE CHURCH REPORT
From June 1st 1878 to the 31st of May, 1879. [Excerpts]
Members added by change of residence.....4
Members added by confirmation 8
Members on register.....65
Real resident and regular communicants...47
Baptisms.....13
Confirmations.....8
Marriages.....2
Funerals.....7
Sunday services.....150
Week day..... 80
[also gives receipts and expenses]

BETHANY LUTHERAN 1890 (Norwegian Church in Astoria)

NORWEGIAN CHURCH
There will be divine services held in the School-house at upper Astoria, at 10 ½ A.M. and 2 P.M., on next Wednesday, the 27th inst., by Rev. E. Christiansen a Norwegian minister. Services will be in the Norwegian language. Dec. 23, 1876

A sermon in the Norwegian language will be preached by Rev. E. Christiansen of Portland at 10 o'clock in Mrs. Hurford's school house opposite the Custom house tomorrow. Feb. 24, 1877

SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH
The Swedish Lutheran congregation will have divine service and communion on Sunday, Oct. 10th at 10:30 A.M. in their new church at upper Astoria. The church will then be used for the first time. Heartily

welcome all who understand the language. J. Vender, pastor. Oct. 9, 1880

PRESBYTERIAN See Congregational Church

Presbyterian church establishment notice Uppertown April 21, 1877, page 3 in the Weekly Astorian [Have not copied this yet.]

The First Presbyterian church of Astoria are about to secure a minister for their church. July 19, 1877

--The first services of the Presbyterians held on Sunday at the Congregational Church was largely attended both day and evening which was encouraging, and an assurance of future prosperity. The choir is excellent, the services interesting, and the congregation universally acknowledge themselves pleased with the Rev. Mr. Condit, who officiated and propose to give him their hearty support. December 29, 1877

The Presbyterian prayer meeting conducted by the Rev. Condit was largely attended Wed. Evening. This may be taken as an indication of the rapid progress they are making to establish a Presbyterian Church in this city. Capt. Ingersoll spoke most effectively for some time as also did Mr. T.P. Powers. Next Sunday evening there will be a praise service. The choir is so well-known already that no other attraction need be mentioned to induce everyone to attend. January 19, 1878